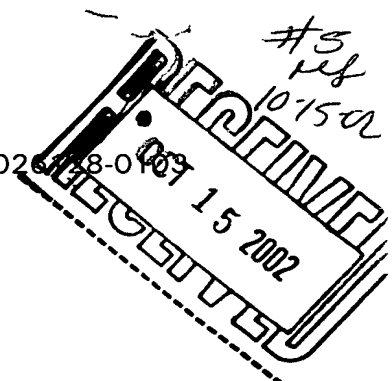




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Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A1-A5 were cited in a Japanese Office Action during prosecution of a counterpart Japanese application. The Japanese Office Action characterized the cited references as provided below. Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Japanese examiner's characterization but provide the same herein to facilitate the review of these references.

Document A1 discloses a system for generating a report on the basis of stored data and distributing it. Document A1 also discloses a structure for sending an alert message to a predetermined user when an alert condition is fulfilled and means for storing schedule information for performing predetermined processes.

Document A2 discloses means for analyzing an unstructured document generating a document to which a logical structure has been given and storing it in a storage device well-known in the art. Document A2 also discloses dividing content information into a plurality of sub-structures, generating a document component by adding structure information to each of these sub-structures and combining the divided document components.

Document A3 discloses means for converting a structured document to another structured document.

Document A4 discloses dividing a document having logical structures into a group of sub-documents each of which has each of the logical structures and register them.

Document A5 discloses generating a table of contents from structured documents.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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